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2006 Brings New Changes

The new year is in full swing here at the GED office. January brought a successful transition to a new GED test scoring service. The new scoring service brings both enhanced and expedited service to GED candidates in New Jersey.

One of the improvements is the speed in which tests are scored. Candidates are now receiving scores in about half the time. The average turn-around time for scoring tests is approximately one week from receipt of test matter. Once the test is scored, results are generally mailed within two days which brings us to the next change, a newly designed score report.

The new score report has several new features, including security and graphic representation of scores along with comprehensive information on how to interpret scores. The new document is much easier to under-

stand and goes into much more detail regarding the entire scoring process. The new score report is actually an official transcript of GED test results. This is an added value for most candidates due to the fact that many educational institutions and employers require official transcripts as opposed to score reports.

The new document also aids the Depart-

ment of Education in two ways. By combining what used to be two documents into one, we save time, materials and postage. Secondly, the new transcripts can be readily printed directly from our database by DOE staff. This enables us the ability to produce documents much faster, while at the same time ensuring accuracy of the data. This all relates to a better overall customer service experience.



In February, the GED office began issuing its other newly designed document, the GED diploma. The new diploma is twice the size of its previous version with a much more impressive presentation, including a gold seal. It is truly a document reflective of a graduate's accomplishments and worthy of framing. The new diploma also incorporates multiple security.

Events

On January 3, Acting Commissioner of Education Lucille E. Davy led a group of educators in honoring three New Jersey students for their outstanding accomplishments. One of the honored students was Eunice Kim of Passaic County and currently a freshman at George Washington University.

In receiving her high school diploma by taking the tests of General Educational Development (GED) to secure her high school diploma, Eunice Kim was flawless. She achieved a perfect score of 800 on all five GED tests for a total score of 4,000 points.



Pictured from left Lucille Davy, Acting Commissioner, Robert M. Berezny, GED Administrator and Benadette Methven, Chief Examiner accepting the award on Eunice Kim's behalf.

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Letter from the GED Administrator

GED testing in New Jersey continues to grow as we add more test sites and increase the test frequency at existing test sites. The number of individuals seeking to take the GED test has grown significantly in the past year and shows even greater signs of increasing in the year ahead. Our goal continues to be that of providing a testing opportunity for those seeking to obtain their academic credentials.



Four additional test sites are currently being considered for approval. Once these four receive their approval, which should be forthcoming, this will bring the total number of GED testing sites to thirty-six. These addi-

tional sites will, in some cases, bring GED testing for the first time to some counties.

This ability to expand GED testing has been made possible by the efforts of many individuals involved in adult education throughout New Jersey and through partnership with local Workforce Investment Boards, Literacy Committees, the State Employment and Training Council, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development and New Jersey Association of Lifelong Learning. A shared vision of helping New Jersey residents to move forward is what drives these efforts.

Watch for new testing facilities in Morris County, Middlesex County, and Burlington County in the near future.

Bergen Recognition of Achievement Ceremony

On February 23, 2006, Bergen Community College held its annual Recognition of Achievement Ceremony. Over 80 GED recipients participated in the ceremony held in the Anna Maria Ciccone Theater. The event was heavily attended, filling the auditorium to standing room only. Congratulations to Mary Johnson-Rivera for producing an outstanding event. Special thanks to PSE&G for its generous donation of two PSE&G GED Scholarships.

Thanks PSE&G!

Below, members of the 3000+ Club. From left to right Evelyn Tracy, Jaclyn Ryan and Yatna Vakharia all scored in excess of 3000 on the GED tests.



Right, over 80 GED recipients participated in the Recognition of Achievement ceremony.



Below, Pat Guazzelli rallies the audience.



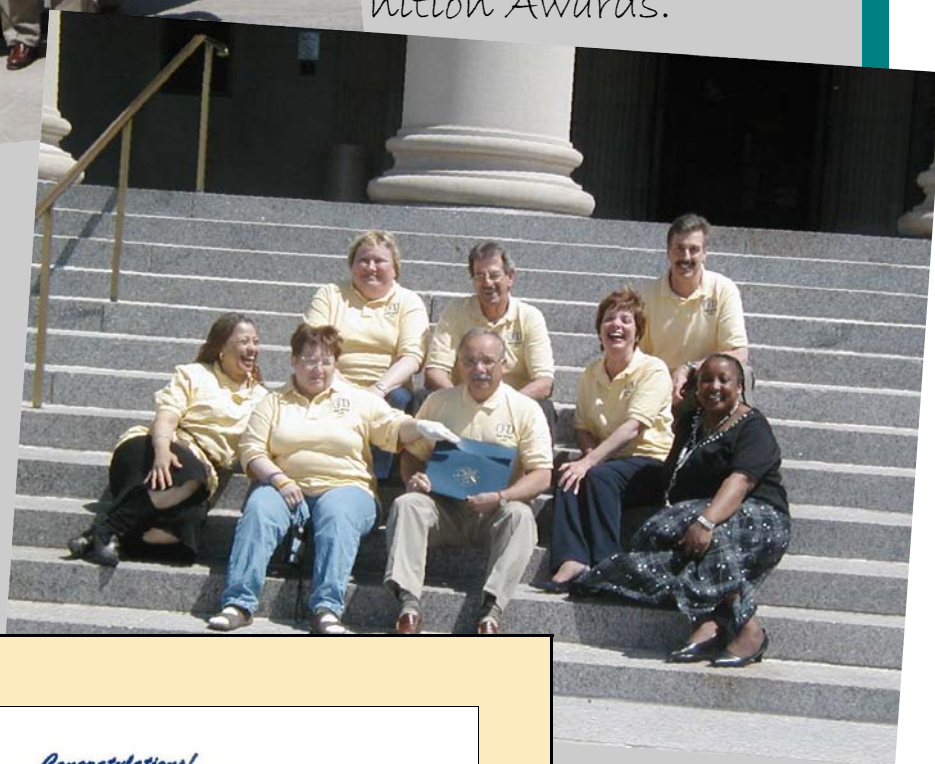
There's something about Mary! GED Chief Examiner, Bergen Community College, Mary Johnson-Rivera



Above, Joe Johnson, the oldest graduate received a standing ovation.



Pictured left and below, the staff from the Office of GED testing proudly display their certificate of award from the New Jersey State Employee Recognition Awards.



Congratulations!

You are being honored at the
New Jersey State Public Service Recognition Awards Ceremony

**Monday, May 1, 2006,
10 a.m. - Noon
Patriot's Theatre
War Memorial
West Lafayette Street at Barracks Street
Trenton, NJ**

You will be presented with a certificate for your contribution and dedication to State government. We have extended an invitation to Governor Jon S. Corzine to attend the ceremony.

Light refreshments will be served prior to the ceremony.
We look forward to honoring you on May 1, 2006

Thanks For The Recognition!



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Dear GED Staff:

On behalf of all of us at the New Jersey Department of Education, please accept our congratulations on receiving a New Jersey State Public Service Recognition Award for Teamwork/Partnership Achievement.

An invitation to attend the New Jersey State Public Service Recognition Awards Ceremony on Monday, May 1, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at the Patriots Theatre in Trenton, New Jersey will be forthcoming. The Bureau of Adult Education and Family Literacy staff will be honored along with award recipients from the Department of Education and other state agencies. There will be more than 1,200 award recipients acknowledged at this ceremony. Due to the limited timeframe, you have been selected to represent your team and appear on stage to receive the award on their behalf.

It gives me great pride knowing that employees like you do an outstanding job performing your duties as public servants. The entire Department of Education is very proud of your accomplishments.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Employee Recognition Awards Representative Gerry Stanton at 984-1506.

Congratulations and thank you for a job well done.

Sincerely,

Lucille E. Davy

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c: Rochelle Hendricks
Sheddy Pettis, Employee Awards Committee

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Let's Get Personnel

Representatives from the United States Army Recruiting Command traveled to Trenton last fall to pay special recognition to a member of the GED staff. Marilyn Fletcher was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for her support and efforts in processing hundreds of recruits into the Army.

Speaking on behalf of the Army Recruiting Command, CPT Gregory Williams stated, "Ms. Fletcher's relentless motivation and dedication to duty reflects great credit upon herself, Central Jersey Recruiting Company, and the United States Army".



Pictured from left to right, SFC Gerald Killingsworth, James Doolan, Rochelle Hendricks, Marilyn Fletcher, Capt. Gregory Williams and SFC Earl Raymond.

2005 Examiners Conference Highlights

The 2005 Annual GED Examiners Conference well attended, with over 150 examiners and proctors from the over 30 Test centers located throughout New Jersey.

The keynote speaker was Sheree Link from General Educational Testing Service. Guest speakers included Julio Chaj and Chantel Ray from Mercer County Community College.



Pictured above, Robert Berezny and fellow examiners.

Pictured right, Julio Chaj, and Robert Berezny.



Pictured below, Robert M. Berezny and Chantel Ray.

Pictured above, from left to right, Julio Chaj, Patricia Guazzelli, Olufunke Ogunbodede, and Chantel Ray.



Be Prepared—for the GED

For some people, preparing for the GED tests can be a daunting task. In an effort to support candidates in their quest we would like to offer several Web sites that can help them prepare for portions of the tests. Special thanks to Dave Moltane, GED Chief Examiner from Vineland for providing the following resources and comments for candidates.

<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/> : — One of the best sites for writing and grammar on the net. Drop below the memorial notice and click on INDEX and you will get an alphabetical listing of all the subject areas covered. Of particular interest to GED candidates is the subject of ESSAY at the bottom of the first column. Follow the links and you will come to the 5 Paragraph Essay example. This site can also be used in college by successful graduates and their family members.

<http://www.math.com> :— This is a good site for math prep. Most GED candidates should start on the left side of the page with "Everyday Math." This will take them to subject areas such as decimals, fractions, etc. The students or their instructors should really explore this site to see if the subject areas are useful; they are! This site can also be used by all members of the family and even has links for homework help.

<http://www.pcc.edu/resources/spanish-ged> : — For those working toward the Spanish GED, this site is an excellent source in Spanish! It is actually supported by the Ministry of Education in Mexico. If you stop at < /resources >, you will find other useful information.



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Mailing Address Line 5

Current GED Test Center Locations in N.J.

1 Atlantic County

Pleasantville

2 Bergen County

Hackensack & Paramus

3 Burlington County

Willingboro

4 Camden County

Runnemede & Camden

5 Cape May County

Cape May Courthouse

6 Cumberland County

Vineland

7 Essex County

Newark

8 Gloucester County

Sewell

9 Hudson County

North Bergen, Jersey City (2)

10 Mercer County

Trenton & Hamilton

11 Middlesex County

E. Brunswick & Perth Amboy

12 Monmouth County

Long Branch

13 Passaic County

Paterson & Wayne

14 Salem County

Woodstown

15 Somerset County

Somerville

16 Sussex County

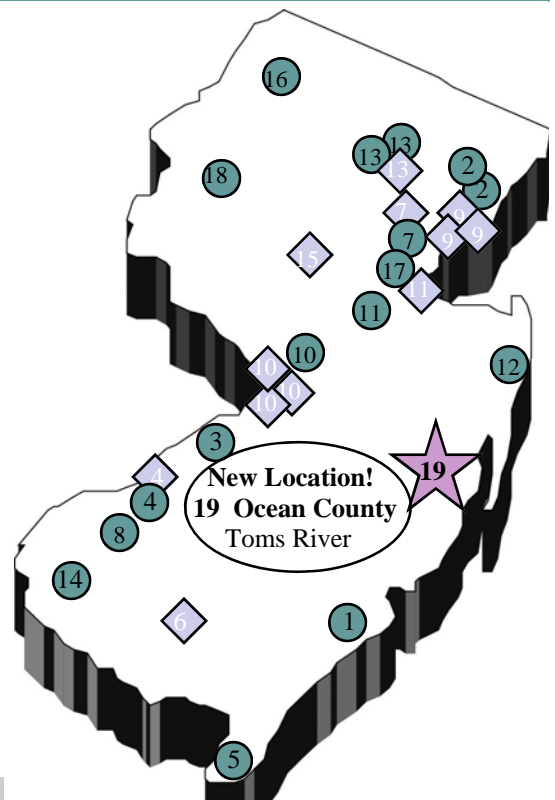
Newton

17 Union County

Elizabeth

18 Warren County

Washington



◇ - Spanish Language Testing Offered

For a complete listing of GED Test centers please visit us on the Web at :
<http://www.state.nj.us/education/index.html>